

**ABSTRACT**

A wireless telephone apparatus has a handset and a base unit having a cradle for removably supporting the handset. The base unit contains a charger for connection to the handset when supported in the cradle, and has a hinge joint rotatably connecting the cradle to the base unit. The hinge joint has a first part on the second wall and a second part on the cradle which is rotatably connected to the first part to allow the cradle to be rotated into any one of a plurality of different orientations relative to the base housing.

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